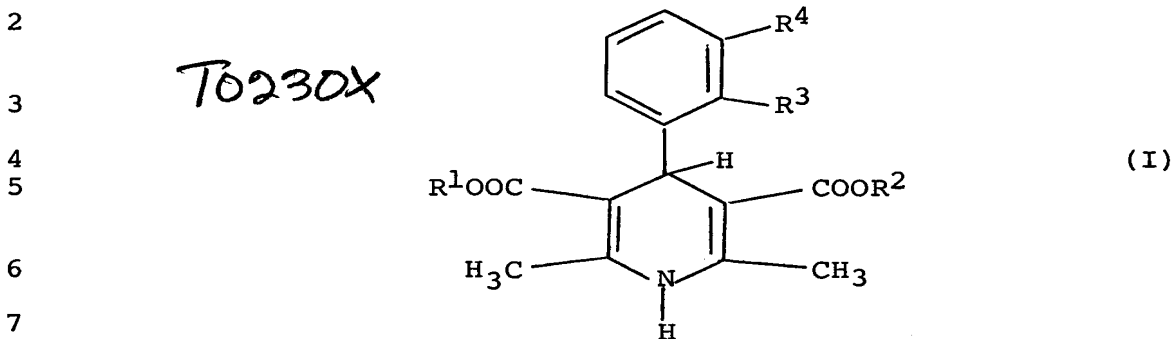


Pages 22 through 34, cancel these pages in their entirety.

In the Claims:

Please rewrite Claim 1 as follows:

1 CM —1. (Amended) A compound of the formula I



8 PS wherein R<sup>1</sup> is selected from the group consisting of  $\text{CH}_3$ ,  
9  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_3$ , and  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OC}_2\text{H}_5$ , R<sup>2</sup> is selected from  
10 the group consisting of  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ,  $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$ ,  $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$ ,  
11  $[\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}(\text{CH}_3)_2]$ ,  $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_3$ ,  $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_3$ ,  
12  $[\text{CH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CH}]$  and  $\text{CH}_2\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)=\text{CH}_2$ , whereby R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are not  
13 the same, R<sup>3</sup> is [selected from the group consisting of]  
14 chloro [and methoxy,] and R<sup>4</sup> is selected from the group con-  
15 sisting of chloro, and methyl. [and methoxy.]—

NA { Please rewrite Claim 2 as follows:

1 —2. (Amended) A compound of claim 1, wherein R<sup>1</sup>  
2 is selected from the group consisting of  $\text{CH}_3$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_3$ ,  
3 and  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OC}_2\text{H}_5$ , and R<sup>2</sup> is selected from the group consisting  
4 of  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5$ ,  $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$ ,  $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$ ,  $[\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}(\text{CH}_3)_2]$ ,  $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_3$ ,  
5 and  $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_3$ , R<sup>3</sup> is [selected from the group consisting  
6 of] chloro [and methoxy], and R<sup>4</sup> is selected from the group  
7 consisting of chloro, and methyl. [and methoxy.]—

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Please rewrite Claim 3 as follows:

1 ~~3.~~ (Amended) A compound of claim 1, wherein R<sup>1</sup>  
 2 is  $\text{M}-\text{CH}_3$ ,  $\text{M}-\text{C}_2\text{H}_5$ ,  $\text{M}-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_3$ , and  $\text{M}-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OC}_2\text{H}_5$ , R<sup>2</sup> is [selected  
 3 from the group consisting of  $\text{M}-\text{CH}_2\text{C}\equiv\text{CH}$ ,  $\text{M}-\text{CH}_2\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)=\text{CH}_2$ , R<sup>3</sup> is  
 4 [selected from the group consisting of] chloro [and methoxy],  
 5 and R<sup>4</sup> is selected from the group consisting of chloro, and  
 6 methyl. [and methoxy.]—

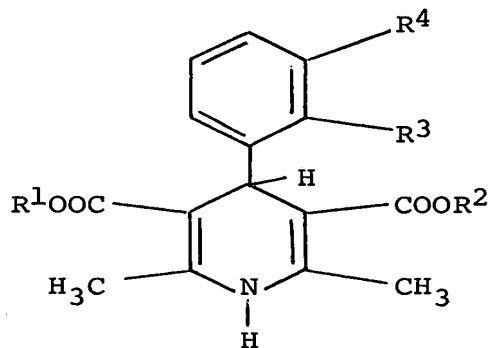
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Please cancel Claim 4.

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Please rewrite Claim 5 as follows:

1 ~~45.~~ (Twice amended) A method for treating arterial  
 2 hypertension in a mammal suffering therefrom, comprising ad-  
 3 ministering to said mammal an amount effective to relax the  
 4 vascular smooth muscle of said mammal of a compound of formula  
 5 I



13 wherein R<sup>1</sup> is selected from the group consisting of  $\text{M}-\text{CH}_3$ ,  
 14  $\text{M}-\text{C}_2\text{H}_5$ ,  $\text{M}-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_3$ , and  $\text{M}-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OC}_2\text{H}_5$ , R<sup>2</sup> is selected from  
 15 the group consisting of  $\text{M}-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ,  $\text{M}-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$ ,  $\text{M}-\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$ ,  
 16  $[\text{M}-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}(\text{CH}_3)_2]$ ,  $\text{M}-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_3$ ,  $\text{M}-\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_3$ ,  
 17  $[\text{M}-\text{CH}_2\text{C}\equiv\text{CH}]$  and  $\text{M}-\text{CH}_2\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)=\text{CH}_2$ , whereby R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are not  
 18 the same, R<sup>3</sup> is [selected from the group consisting of] chloro  
 19 [and methoxy], and R<sup>4</sup> is selected from the group consisting of  
 20 chloro, and methyl. [and methoxy.]—

claim 5-10

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Claim 6, line 5, delete " $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$ ,"

Claim 6, lines 6 and 7, delete "selected from the group consisting of".

Claim 6, line 7, delete "and methoxy,"

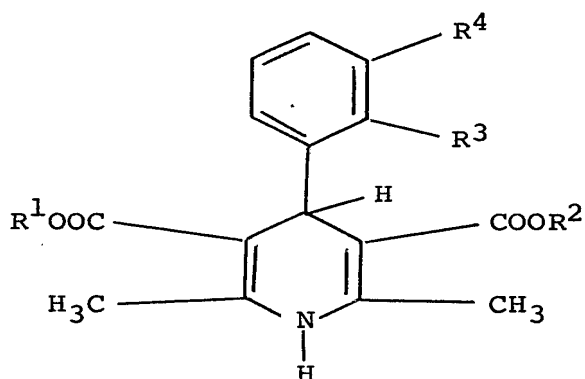
Claim 6, line 8, between "chloro," and "methyl," insert "--and--; and delete "and methoxy".

Claim 7, lines 4 and 5, delete "selected from the group consisting of"; and add "--and--" after "chloro,".

Claim 7, line 7, delete "and methoxy".

Please rewrite Claim 8 as follows:

2 (Amended) Pharmaceutical preparation, which  
comprises as an active ingredient a therapeutically effective  
dose of [a] an antihypertensive compound having vascular smooth  
muscle relaxing properties which compound has the formula I



wherein  $\text{R}^1$  is selected from the group consisting of  $-\text{CH}_3$ ,  $-\text{C}_2\text{H}_5$ ,  $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_3$ , and  $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OC}_2\text{H}_5$ ,  $\text{R}^2$  is selected from the group consisting of  $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ,  $-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$ ,  $-\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$ ,  $[-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}(\text{CH}_3)_2]$ ,  $-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_3$ ,  $-\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_3$ ,  $[-\text{CH}_2\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)\text{CH}_2]$  and  $-\text{CH}_2\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)=\text{CH}_2$ , whereby  $\text{R}^1$  and  $\text{R}^2$  are not the same,  $\text{R}^3$  is [selected from the group consisting of] chloro [and methoxy], and  $\text{R}^4$  is selected from the group consisting of chloro, and methyl. [, and methoxy] in association with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.—

Claim 9, line 6, delete " $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$ ".

Claim 9, line 7, delete "selected from the group consisting of".

Claim 9, line 8, delete "and methoxy".

Claim 9, line 9, between "chloro" and "methyl", insert "--and--; and delete "and methoxy".

Claim 10, line 5, delete " $-\text{CH}_2\text{C CH}$ ".

Claim 10, lines 5 and 6, delete "selected from the group consisting of".

Claim 10, line 6, delete "and methoxy".

Claim 10, line 7, between "chloro," and "methyl," insert "--and--; and delete "and methoxy".

Please add the following claims:

1 ~~12~~<sup>11</sup>. The compound according to claim 1 which  
2 is 2,6-dimethyl-4-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-1,4-dihydropyridine  
3 3,5-dicarboxylic acid-3-methylester-5-ethylester.—

1 ~~13~~<sup>12</sup>. The compound according to claim 1 which is  
2 2,6-dimethyl-4-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-1,4-dihydropyridine  
3 3,5-dicarboxylic acid-3-ethylester-5-(2-methoxyethylester).—

1 ~~14~~<sup>13</sup>. The compound according to claim 1 which is  
2 2,6-dimethyl-4-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-1,4-dihydropyridine  
3 3,5-dicarboxylic acid-3-methylester-5-isopropylester.—

1 ~~15~~<sup>14</sup>. The compound according to claim 1 which is  
2 2,6-dimethyl-4-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-1,4-dihydropyridine  
3 3,5-dicarboxylic acid-3-methyl-5-tert.butylester.—

1 ~~16~~<sup>15</sup>. The compound according to claim 1 which is  
2 2,6-dimethyl-4-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-1,4-dihydropyridine  
3 3,5-dicarboxylic acid-3-methylester-5-(2-methoxy-1-methyl-  
4 ethylester).—

1 <sup>16</sup>  
~~17.~~ The compound according to claim 1 which is  
 2 2,6-dimethyl-4-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-1,4-dihydropyridine-  
 3 3,5-dicarboxylic acid-3-(2-methoxyethyl)ester-5-iso-  
 4 propylester.~

1 <sup>17</sup>  
~~18.~~ The compound according to claim 1 which is  
 2 2,6-dimethyl-4-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-1,4-dihydropyridine-  
 3 3,5-dicarboxylic acid-3-(2-ethoxyethyl)ester-5-ethylester.~

1 <sup>18</sup>  
~~19.~~ The compound according to claim 1 which is  
 2 2,6-dimethyl-4-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-1,4-dihydropyridine-  
 3 3,5-dicarboxylic acid-3-methylester-5-(2-methoxy-1,1-  
 4 dimethylethyl)ester.~

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~~20.~~ The compound according to claim 1 which is  
 2 2,6-dimethyl-4-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-1,4-dihydropyridine-  
 3 3,5-dicarboxylic acid-3-(2-methoxy)ethylester-5-propargyl  
 4 ester.~

1 <sup>20</sup>  
~~21.~~ The compound according to claim 1 which is  
 2 2,6-dimethyl-4-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-1,4-dihydropyridine-  
 3 3,5-dicarboxylic acid-3-methylester-5-(2-methyl)allylester.~

1 <sup>21</sup>  
~~22.~~ A pharmaceutical preparation according to  
 2 claim <sup>7</sup> wherein said active ingredient is the compound 2,6-  
 3 dimethyl-4-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-1,4-dihydropyridine-3,5-  
 4 dicarboxylic acid-3-methylester-5-ethylester.~

1 <sup>22</sup>  
~~23.~~ A pharmaceutical preparation according to  
 2 claim <sup>7</sup> wherein said active ingredient is the compound 2,6-  
 3 dimethyl-4-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-1,4-dihydropyridine-3,5-  
 4 dicarboxylic acid-3-ethylester-5-(2-methoxyethylester).~

1 <sup>23</sup>  
~~24.~~ A pharmaceutical preparation according to  
2 claim <sup>7</sup> wherein said active ingredient is the compound 2,6-  
3 dimethyl-4-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-1,4-dihydropyridine-3,5-  
4 dicarboxylic acid-3-methylester-5-isopropylester.—

1 <sup>24</sup>  
~~25.~~ A pharmaceutical preparation according to  
2 claim <sup>7</sup> wherein said active ingredient is the compound 2,6-  
3 dimethyl-4-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-1,4-dihydropyridine-3,5-di-  
4 carboxylic acid-3-methyl-5-tert.butylester.—

1 <sup>25</sup>  
~~26.~~ A pharmaceutical preparation according to  
2 claim <sup>7</sup> wherein said active ingredient is the compound 2,6-  
3 dimethyl-4-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-1,4-dihydropyridine-3,5-  
4 dicarboxylic acid-3-methylester-5-(2-methoxy-1-methylethyl-  
5 ester).—

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1 <sup>26</sup>  
~~27.~~ A pharmaceutical preparation according to  
2 claim <sup>7</sup> wherein said active ingredient is the compound 2,6-  
3 dimethyl-4-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-1,4-dihydropyridine-3,5-  
4 dicarboxylic acid-3-(2-methoxyethyl)ester-5-isopropylester.—

1 <sup>27</sup>  
~~28.~~ A pharmaceutical preparation according to  
2 claim <sup>7</sup> wherein said active ingredient is the compound 2,6-  
3 dimethyl-4-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-1,4-dihydropyridine-3,5-  
4 dicarboxylic acid-3-(2-ethoxyethyl)ester-5-ethylester.—

1 <sup>28</sup>  
~~29.~~ A pharmaceutical preparation according to  
2 claim <sup>7</sup> wherein said active ingredient is the compound 2,6-  
3 dimethyl-4-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-1,4-dihydropyridine-3,5-  
4 dicarboxylic acid-3-methylester-5-(2-methoxy-1,1-dimethyl-  
5 ethyl)ester.—